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[redacted] 25X1

1. FIRST INDICATION OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION OVER THE NAM OU AT MUONG KHOUA IS NOTED ON 30 APRIL PHOTOGRAPHY. AN EXCAVATION FOR A PROBABLE PIER IS NOTED ON THE WEST BANK AT UJ413399. THE EXCAVATION IS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF A LARGE AREA OF DIRT SPOIL ASSOCIATED WITH RECENT ROAD CONSTRUCTION DOWN TO THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE NAM OU. PROBABLE PIER CONSTRUCTION STARTED BETWEEN [redacted] 25X1

2. CONSTRUCTION OF THE MA THOUEI-NAM THA ROAD IS CONTINUING ON [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ROAD WAS FIRST OBSERVED ON APRIL/ 25X1 MAY 1970 PHOTOGRAPHY BUT WAS LATER ABANDONED BEFORE BECOMING MOTORABLE. RENEWED CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED ON [redacted] WHEN APPROXIMATELY 25X1 4 KM OF THE ROAD WAS MOTORABLE FROM ROUTE 4/412 AT QD752309 WEST TO BAN AY ON AT QD655271. A CONTINUOUS SURVEY TRACE THEN EXTENDS TO QD637252.

3. ROUTE 321 FROM THE CHINA/LAOS BORDER TO MUONG SING SHOWS SIGNS OF LIGHT VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON 30 APRIL 1971.

4. NO ROAD CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY IS NOTED ALONG THE ROUTES 32 AND 322 ALIGNMENTS. &0-1
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